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SUBJECT: JUNE 13 QUADRIpartite DINNER ON GERMANY AND BERLIN

1. SUMMARY: AT THE JUNE 13 QUADRIpartite DINNER ON BERLIN AND GERMAN QUESTIONS, THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROVED THE GERMANY AND BERLIN PARAGRAPH FOR THE NATO COMMUNIQUE AND AGREED THAT THE BONN GROUP SHOULD STUDY HOW THE THREE POWERS COULD BE MOST HELPFUL IN ACHIEVING SOVIET AGREEMENT FOR A LUFTHANSA LANDING IN WEST BERLIN EN ROUTE TO MOSCOW FROM FRANKFURT. IN ADDITION, MINISTER SCHEEL REVIEWED IN RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC TERMS THE OUTCOME OF THE FRG'S DISCUSSIONS WITH BREZHNEV CONCERNING THE BERLIN AGREEMENT, AND INDICATED THAT THE FRG WAS PROCEEDING WITH ITS APPLICATION FOR UN ENTRY AND WITH PLANS TO OPEN ITS REPRESENTATION IN EAST BERLIN IN JULY OR AUGUST. THE SECRETARY TOOK THE OCCASION TO EMPHASIZE HIS STRONG HOPE THAT THE CURRENT NATO MEETING WILL BE A FULL SUCCESS AND THAT IT BE PORTRAYED AS SUCH TO THE PUBLIC. THE DISCUSSION OF LUFTHANSA BERLIN
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SERVICE IS BEING REPORTED BY SEPTTEL. DETAILS ON THE OTHER SUBJECTS DISCUSSED ARE PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS. END SUMMARY.

2. NATO COMMUNIQUE: THE FOUR FOREIGN MINISTERS APPROVED WITHOUT CHANGE THE TEXT OF THE GERMANY AND BERLIN PORTION OF THE NATO

COMMUNIQUE AS TRANSMITTED IN BONN 8235 .

3. BERLIN: MINISTER SCHEEL REPORTED ON THE HANDLING OF BERLIN DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO BONN BY BREZHNEV. SCHEEL COMMENTED THAT IT HAD BEEN DIFFICULT INITIALLY TO BRING THE SOVIETS TO AGREE TO ANY STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT IN THE JOINT DECLARATION. THE GERMAN SIDE HAD INSISTED, HOWEVER, AND SINCE BREZHNEV WISHED TO BE ABLE TO POINT TO MORE THAN THE THREE BILATERAL AGREEMENTS THAT WERE SIGNED DURING HIS VISIT, HE FINALLY AGREED TO INCLUDE MENTION OF BERLIN. SCHEEL NOTED THAT THE GERMAN INSISTENCE ON LANGUAGE ON BERLIN HAD TO BE SEEN AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF THE STRANGE BEHAVIOUR OF THE SOVIETS IN THEIR HANDLING OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH STATES THAT WEST BERLIN IS NOT GOVERNED BY THE FRG. WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DID NOT INTEND TO ACT CONTRARY TO THIS PROVISION OF THE AGREEMENT, IT WAS MORE INTERESTED IN THE SECTION THAT PROVIDES FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF FRG- WEST BERLIN TIES.

4. SCHEEL SAID THAT ON THE BASIS OF THE DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE FRG AND SOVIET SIDES, THE LANGUAGE IN THE JOINT DECLARATION HAD BEEN INTENDED TO COVER EACH SIDE' S PARTICULAR INTEREST (I. E., " THE STRICT OBSERVANCE AND FULL APPLICATION" FORMULATION). SCHEEL SAID THAT SINCE THE BREZHNEV VISIT, THE FRG WAS BEGINNING TO GAIN THE IMPRESSION THAT THE SOVIETS MAY BE PREPARED TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT MORE FULLY THAN BEFORE. HE NOTED, FOR EX - AMPLE, THAT THE SOVIET STATE COMMITTEE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HAD SAID IT WAS NOW READY TO CONCLUDE AN AGREEMENT WITH A WEST GERMAN PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY (SCHERING) WHICH HAS ITS HEAD- QUARTERS IN WEST BERLIN; THE SOVIET COMMITTEE HAD PREVIOUSLY REFUSED TO CON CLUDE AN AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF THE FRG- WEST BERLIN LINK.

LSO, SCHEEL SAID THAT AT A MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL THEATRE INSTITUTE IN MOSCOW, IT HAD RECENTLY BEEN DECIDED THAT THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE HELD IN WEST BERLIN.

5. SCHEEL COMMENTED THAT THESE SEEMED TO BE POSITIVE DEVELOP-
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MENTS AND THAT THE SOVIETS NOW APPEARED WILLING TO RESPECT THE " TIES" PART OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. HE SAID THAT THE FRG WAS AWARE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD HAVE TO FIGHT CONTINUOUSLY TO KEEP THE SOVIETS HONEST IN THIS AREA SINCE THEIR AIMS WERE OBVI- OUSLY POINTED IN THE OTHER DIRECTION. SECRETARY ROGERS AND DOUGLAS- HOME NOTED SCHEEL' S REMARKS AS FAVORABLE.

6. SECRETARY ROGERS ASKED FONMIN SCHEEL TO COMMENT ON SOVIET BEHAVIOUR AT THE DIFFICULTIES THAT HAD EMERGED DURING THE EXHIBIT RESULTED FROM MISHANDLING OF THE FAIR BY BOTH THE WEST BERLIN AUTHORITIES AND THE SOVIETS. THE FORMER HAD INVITED THE USSR TO ARRANGE THE FAIR OUTSIDE THE FCMEWORK OF THE FRG- USSR TRADE AGREEMENT, AND THE SOVIETS HAD EXPLOITED THIS WEAKNESS.

SCHEEL SAID HE TOLD GROMYKO, DURING THE LATTER'S VISIT TO BONN WITH BREZHNEV, THAT WHILE THE SOVIETS MIGHT BE RIGHT LEGALLY IN EXPLOITING THE WEST BERLIN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE, THEY WERE NOT ACTING IN ACCORD WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT. SCHEEL SAID HE TOLD GROMYKO THAT HE HOPED THERE WOULD NOT BE SUCH PROBLEMS IN THE FUTURE.

7. UN ENTRY: SECRETARY ROGERS ASKED FONMIN SCHEEL TO COMMENT ON THE MATTER OF UN ENTRY OF BOTH GERMAN STATES. SCHEEL NOTED THAT THE GDR HAD SUBMITTED ITS APPLICATION ON JUNE 12 AND SAID THE FRG INTENDED TO DO SO ON JUNE 14. (COMMENT: WE ASSUME HE MEANT JUNE 15, PER THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S ORIGINAL SCENARIO. END COMMENT). THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH THE GDR ON THE GENERAL RELATIONS TREATY WOULD PROBABLY TAKE PLACE ON JUNE 20, PROVIDED THERE WERE NO DIFFICULTIES CREATED BY THE FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL COURT. HE THOUGHT PERSONALLY THAT THE COURT WOULD NOT MAKE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE GOVERNMENT BUT ONE COULD NEVER BE SURE.

8. SCHEEL SAID THAT HE ASSUMED THAT IF BOTH APPLICATIONS ARE ON THE TABLE BY MID- JUNE, THE SECURITY COUNCIL COULD ACT BY THE END OF JUNE OR BEGINNING OF JULY. HE COMMENTED THAT IT MIGHT BE PREFERABLE TO HAVE THE ACTION COMPLETED IN JULY SINCE THE SOVIETS WOULD NO LONGER BE IN THE CHAIR IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL. HE THOUGHT THAT THE FOUR ALLIES WOULD HAVE TIME TO CONSIDER THE QUESTION OF THE TIMING OF SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION IN THE PERIOD AHEAD, WHILE THE THREE ALLIES CONSULTED WITH THE SOVIETS IN NEW YORK.

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9. DOUGLAS- HOME ASKED IF THE GERMAN SIDE HAD ANY IDEA OF HOW THE SOVIETS FEEL ABOUT THE FRG'S REPRESENTING WEST BERLIN IN THE UN. FRG FONOFF POL DIRECTOR VAN WELL REFERRED TO THE ALLIED BKC/ L AND TO THE FACT THAT THE DOCUMENT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE SOVIETS FOR INFORMATION BY THE ALLIES AND THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REPLIED. ASKED BY DOUGLAS- HOME WHETHER THE SOVIETS HAD REACTED TO THE PROPOSED SCHEEL LETTER TO UN SYG WALDHEIM, SCHEEL SAID THE SOVIETS HAD BEEN SHOWN THE LETTER TWO DAYS BEFORE IN BONN. VAN WELL SAID THE SOVIETS HAVE NOTED THE LETTER, BUT DID NOT WISH TO TAKE OFFICIAL CONGNIZANCE OF IT. THEY WERE APPARENTLY PREPARED TO HEAR ANYTHING THE THREE ALLIES MAY WISH TO SAY ON WEST BERLIN IN THE CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK, BUT REPORTEDLY DID NOT WISH TO HAVE ANY PUBLIC ISSUE MADE OF THE MATTER. VAN WELL SAID THE SOVIETS OBVIOUSLY RESERVED TO THEMSELVES THE RIGHT TO HAVE THEIR OWN INTERPRETATION OF " SECURITY AND STATUS", BUT DID NOT APPEAR TO WANT ANY DIFFICULTIES ON THIS PROBLEM NOW.

10. EXCHANGE OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES: SCHEEL SAID THAT AFTER THE EXPECTED EXCHANGE OF NOTES ON THE GENERAL REALTIONS TREATY ON JUNE 20, THE FRG WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS WITH THE GDR THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF PERMANENT REPRE-

SENTATIONS IN EAST BERLIN AND BONN RESPECTIVELY. SCHEEL THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE THAT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THESE MISSIONS COULD TAKE PLACE IN AUGUST OR POSSIBLY EVEN AT THE END OF JULY. HE SAID THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MIGHT EVEN ANNOUNCE THE NAME OF ITS PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE AFTER THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, ALTHOUGH SOME TECHNICAL PROBLEMS REMAINED TO BE WORKED OUT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH THIS. HE STATED THAT, IN ANY EVENT, THE FRG WOULD CONSULT THE THREE ALLIES AS THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE GDR ON THE REPRESENTATIONS PROGRESSED.

11. DOUGLAS- HOME COMMENTED THAT THE AUGUST DATE WOULD SUIT THE UK (OBVIOUSLY REFERRING TO THE BRITISH DESIRE TO HAVE AN AMBASSADOR IN EAST BERLIN BY THE END OF THE SUMMER). HE ADDED THAT THE BRITISH WOULD NOT WISH TO GET OUT OF LINE AND WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE BEING KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FRG- GDR DISCUSSIONS. HE SAID THE BRITISH WOULD PARTICULARLY LIKE TO KNOW IF THE FRG HAS ANY DIFFICULTIES SINCE THIS MIGHT CAUSE THE UK TO RECONSIDER ITS POSITION. SCHEEL SAID THE FRG WOULD KEEP THE ALLIES INFORMED.

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12. CURRENT NATO MINISTERIAL MEETING: AT THE END OF THE DISCUSSION OF BERLIN AND GERMAN ITEMS, THE SECRETARY SAID HE FELT IT WAS MOST IMPORTANT THAT THE CURRENT MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE NATO COUNCIL BE SUCCESSFUL. HE REMARKED THAT THE US ATTRIBUTES ENORMOUS IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE. IT WAS PARTICULARLY DESIRABLE IN THE PRESENT INSTANCE NOT ONLY THAT THE MEETING BE A GOOD ONE, BUT ALSO THAT WHAT EACH OF US SAYS PUBLICLY CONVEY AN ACCURATE IMPRESSI

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